



## *Guardian Scholars Program California State University, Bakersfield*

### *Mission*

The CSUB Guardian Scholars Program serves emancipated foster youth and unaccompanied homeless youth who are college bound by creating a support network that provides access to the University, impacts the academic persistence rate, and realizes the potential of students who will become successful and productive world citizens.

### *Program Activities*

- Assist in foster youth and unaccompanied minor homeless youth admission to the university
- Provide comprehensive support that promotes academic and personal success
- Encourage active participation in university life
- Prepare students for graduation and beyond
- Provide experiences that enrich students educationally, culturally and socially

### *Program Benefits*

- ❖ Admissions Assistance
- ❖ Eligibility for additional Scholarships and Grants
- ❖ Priority Registration
- ❖ Mid-term Progress Evaluations
- ❖ Cultural Enrichment Activities
- ❖ Life Skills Workshops
- ❖ Individual Needs Assessments
- ❖ Counseling and Support
- ❖ Tutoring Services on campus
- ❖ Participation in EOP Summer Bridge Program
- ❖ Service Learning (volunteer opportunities)
- ❖ Graduation Celebrations

### *Eligibility Requirements*

- Be a highly motivated current or former foster youth or unaccompanied homeless youth [between the ages of 17 and 24](#) who demonstrates financial need and academic potential.
- Qualify for undergraduate admission to CSU Bakersfield as a freshman or transfer student. For CSUB eligibility information and to access the application for admissions, go to: [CalState.edu/apply](http://CalState.edu/apply)
- Apply to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) For eligibility information and to access the EOP application, go to: [CalState.edu/sas/eop/apply](http://CalState.edu/sas/eop/apply) and [CalState.edu/apply](http://CalState.edu/apply)
- Be a California Resident.
- Qualify for “Independent Student” status under federal financial aid guidelines.
- Apply for financial aid by completing either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act application by the priority filing date of November 30th.
- Apply for the Chafee Grant by March 2<sup>nd</sup> at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). Apply for Cal Grant by completing the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form, also at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- Be able to participate in the EOP Summer Bridge Program, if a first-time freshman. For more information about Summer Bridge participation, please call 661-654-3216.

# 2019 Guardian Scholars Program Application

To receive priority consideration, application materials should be submitted or postmarked on or before April 20, 2019. Applications received after this date will be considered if space is available.

## Part 1: Background Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Message Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School currently attending (name, city): \_\_\_\_\_

CSUB Admission application submitted:  Yes  No Date Applied \_\_\_\_\_

Class level at time of planned enrollment:  Incoming Freshman  Transfer Student

Duration of foster care: \_\_\_\_\_ Time spent without fixed, regular overnight housing: \_\_\_\_\_

County in which you currently reside and/or received services (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Worker Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current living situation:  Foster Home  Group Home  Friend/Relative  
 Homeless/No Residence  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Plan for housing while attending Cal State Bakersfield (check one):

On-campus  Off-campus, independent  Off campus, with Relative

How do you support yourself financially? (check all that apply):  Job  SSI

Foster Family/Group Home  Financial Aid  Relative  \_\_\_\_\_

Average hours worked per week (enter zero if unemployed): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this program? (check all that apply):

ILP  Counselor/advisor  Social Worker  CSUB website  (other) \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2: Autobiographical Essay

In addition to this completed application form, **please include:**

A typed, 1-2 page, double-spaced essay with your name at the top of each page.

The essay should include the following: an introduction of yourself, including your family/living situation, special interests, group memberships, honors and awards; a brief description of the obstacles you overcame in your pursuit of an education; your educational goals at CSU Bakersfield; and a brief description of your future career goals.

## Part 3: Documentation

Verification of foster placement from your social worker, a copy of your Ward of the Court documentation, a letter of ILP eligibility from an ILP Coordinator, or court documents. For homeless or unaccompanied minor students, we can also accept a verification letter from a Federal TRIO program Director, head counselor, school homeless student liaison, homeless shelter or service provider, or principal. We can accept other verifications...don't be afraid to ask!

## *Application Checklist*

## *Item Due Date*

- CSUB Application for Admission** **10/1/18 – 11/30/18**  
[www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
- EOP Application** (Priority: Oct 1-Nov 30th, 2018)  
**1/15/2019**  
<http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/eop>
- Guardian Scholars Program Application Packet** **10/1/17 – 4/20/18**  
(Including essay and letter of status verification)
- Guardian Scholars Program  
23 AE  
California State University, Bakersfield or FAX to 661-654-6971  
9001 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, CA. 93311
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** **11/30/18**  
Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- California Dream Act Application** **11/30/18**  
For undocumented and nonresident documented students  
Apply online at [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)
- Chafee Grant (foster youth placed between ages 16-18)** **1/1/19 – 3/2/19**  
Apply online at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- Cal Grant Grade Point Average Verification form** **1/1/19 – 3/2/19**  
Also at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- CSUB Housing Application** **3/1/2019**  
[www.csub.edu/housing](http://www.csub.edu/housing)  
Guardian Scholars can have their \$350 Housing deposit deferred once they are accepted to the program. Students should verify that their available aid will cover the cost of tuition, room, and board.

### *Contact Information*

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